Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1-10 **(Cancelled)**

11. **(Currently Amended)** A microemulsion comprising:

(A) 0.5 to 70% by weight of the alkanolammonium salts of alkylsulfates and alkylpolyalkyleneglycolethersulfates having the structure:

~~$R^1-O-(C_pH_{2p}O)_m-SO_3HN^+R^2R^3R^4$;~~

$R^1-O-(C_pH_{2p}O)_m-SO_3^-HN^+R^2R^3R^4$,

wherein

R^1 is a C_8- to C_{20}-hydrocarbon residue,

p is an integer from 2 to 5, wherein p can be different for each m,

R^2 is H, a C_1- to C_6-alkyl, or a C_2- to C_4-hydroxyalkyl,

R^3 is H, a C_1- to C_6-alkyl, or a C_2- to C_4-hydroxyalkyl,

R^4 is a hydroxyisopropyl, and

m is an integer from 0 to 7,

and mixtures thereof;

(B) 20 to 95% by weight water;

(C) 0.1 to 20% by weight of at least one oil component; and

(D) 0.1 to 20% by weight of at least one mono- or polyvalent C_2- to C_{24}-alcohol,

each based on the total composition of the microemulsion.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The microemulsion according to claim 11, wherein the alkanolammonium salts of the alkylsulfates and/or alkylpolyalkyleneglycolethersulfates comprise the following residue or indices:

R^1 is a linear and ~~or~~ saturated C_{12}- to C_{16}-alkyl residue,

p is 2 or 3, wherein p can be different for each m,

R^2 is H or hydroxyisopropyl,

R^3 is H or hydroxyisopropyl,

R^4 is hydroxyisopropyl, and

m is an integer from 0 to 2.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The microemulsion according to any one of claims 11 and 12, wherein the microemulsion contains component

(A) in an amount of 2 to 60% by weight,

(B) in an amount of 30 to 80% by weight,

(C) in an amount of 0.5 to 15% by weight, and

(D) in an amount of 0.1 to 9% by weight.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The microemulsion according to any one of claims 11 and 12, further containing at least one of the following components:

(E) 0 to 20% by weight of at least one surfactant,

(F) 0 to 20% by weight of at least one electrolyte, and

(G) 0 to 10% by weight of at least one additive, wherein (F) and (G) are exclusive of any ionic surfactant.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The microemulsion according to claim 14, containing at least one of the following components:

(E) at least one additional surfactant comprising a triglyceride alkoxylated with ethyleneoxide and/or propyleneoxide and at least partially esterified with a C_6- to C_{22}-fatty acid, and

(G) at least one additive comprising a poly(C_2- to C_4-)alkyleneglycol having a molecular weight of up to 1,500 g/mole.

16. **(Previously Presented)** The microemulsion according to any one of claims 11 and 12, wherein the oil component (C) contains one or more components selected from the group

consisting of lecithins; mono-, di-, and/or triglycerides of saturated and/or unsaturated, branched and/or linear carboxylic acids having chain lengths of from 8 to 24 carbon atoms; branched and/or linear hydrocarbons; waxes; petroleum jelly; paraffin oils; polyolefins; silicone oils; esters of saturated, unsaturated, and/or aromatic, branched and/or linear carboxylic acids having chain lengths of from 3 to 30 carbon atoms; and saturated and/or unsaturated, branched and/or linear alcohols having chain lengths of from 3 to 30 carbon atoms.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The microemulsion according to any one of claims 11 and 12, characterized in that the microemulsion is a stable and transparent emulsion, the disperse phase thereof having an average particle size of less than 100 nm.

18-19. **(Canceled)**

20. **(Currently Amended)** A microemulsion consisting essentially of:

(A) 0.5 to 70% by weight alkanolammonium salts of the alkylsulfates and/or alkylpolyalkyleneglycolethersulfates having the structure:

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$R^1-O-(C_pH_{2p}O)_m-SO_3^-HN^+R^2R^3R^4$,

wherein

~~R1~~ R^1 is a C_8- to C_{20}-hydrocarbon residue,

p is an integer from 2 to 5, wherein p can be different for each m,

R^2 is H, a C_1- to C_6-alkyl, or hydroxyisopropyl,

R^3 is H, a C_1- to C_6-alkyl, or ~~to~~ C_4-hydroxyisopropyl,

R^4 is a hydroxyisopropyl, and

m is an integer from 0 to 7,

and mixtures thereof;

(B) 20 to 95% by weight water, and

(C) 0.1 to 20% by weight one or more oil component(s), and

(D) 0.1 to 20% by weight of one or more mono- or polyvalent C_2- to C_{24}-alcohol(s),

and optionally

(E) 0 to 20% by weight of one or more additional surfactant(s)

(F) 0 to 20% by weight of one or more electrolyte(s), and

(G) 0 to 10% by weight of one or more additive(s)

each based on the total composition, and

wherein no compound falls under two categories of (A) to (G) at the same time.